

REMARKS

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is filed to insert headings to conform the application to U.S. practice, to correct informalities in the specification, claims and abstract resulting from a literal translation of the French text, and to eliminate the use of multiple dependent claims.

Early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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For: DERIVING AN OBJECT CLASS BY INHERITANCE,
INSTANCIATION OR CLONING

PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTIONS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant requests approval of the drawing corrections on Figs. 1 - 13 as shown in red on the attached five (5) sheets.

The proposed corrections only comprise labeling the boxes in Fig. 1 to conform the drawing to the specification and claims and removing the headings "1/5" to "5/5" to conform the drawings to U.S. practice.

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|------|----------------------|------|------|-----------------|--|------|
| File | Documents | | | Preferences | | Help |
| | Open... | | | Display | | |
| | Search | | | Display history | | |
| | Save the class | | | Save | | |
| | Save the class as... | | | Save as... | | |
| | Close the class | | | Close | | |

FIG. 13

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|------|-----|---|-----|--------|-----|---|-----|-------------|------|
| File | ... | Classes | ... | Search | ... | Objects | ... | Export to U | Help |
| | | New class New inherited class Open a class Delete a class <hr/> Save the class Save the class as... Close the class | | | | New class object Clone an object Open an object Delete an object <hr/> Save the object Save the object as... Close the object | | | |

FIG. 2

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field
 Name of the class

Identification of the class

Description of the class

Text area

Attributes of the class

List of attributes
Attribute1

Modify the attribute

Delete the attribute

Add an attribute

Methods of the class

List of methods
Method1

Modify the method

Delete the method

Add a method

Class

FIG. 3

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Name of the attribute | | Text field |
| Description of the attribute | Possible values of the attribute | |
| Text area | Text area | |
| Type of the attribute | Text field | Default value of the attribute |
| Text field | | |
| Real value of the attribute | | Text field |

FIG.4

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Name of the method | Text field | Return type of the method | Text field |
| Description of the method | Parameters of the method | | Add Modify Delete |
| Text area | Text area | | |

FIG. 5

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Name of the parameter | | Text field |
| Description of the parameter | Possible values of the parameter | |
| Text area | Text area | |
| Type of the parameter | Text field | Default value of the parameter |
| Text field | Text field | |
| Real value of the parameter | | Text field |

FIG.6

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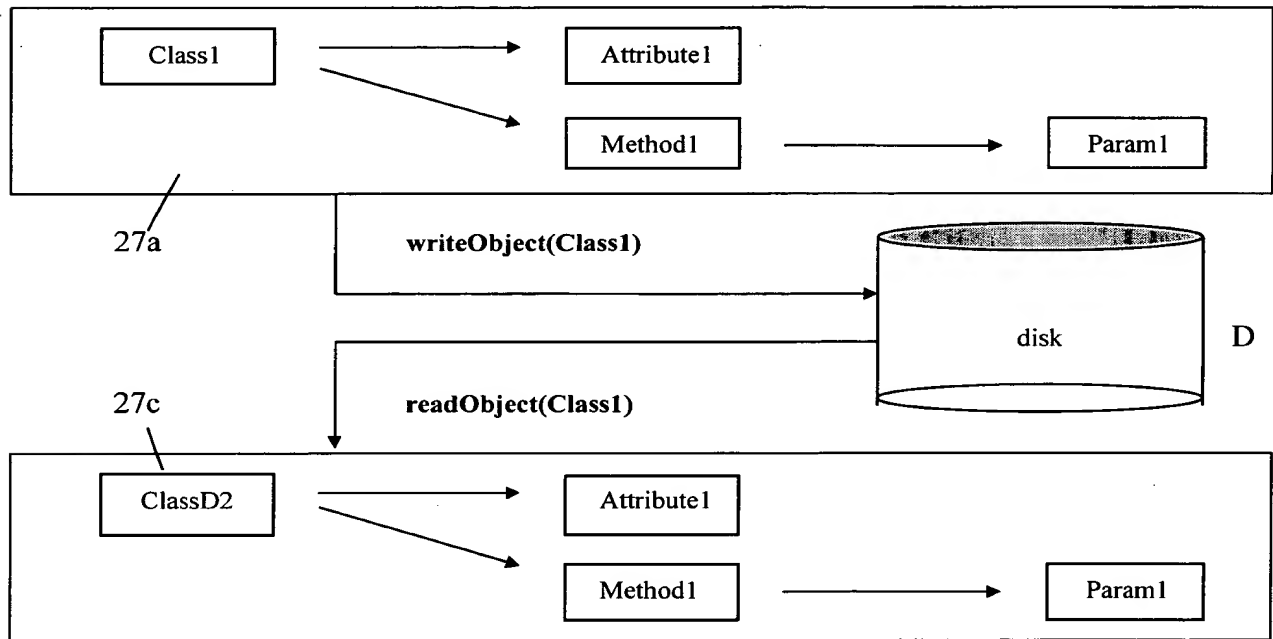
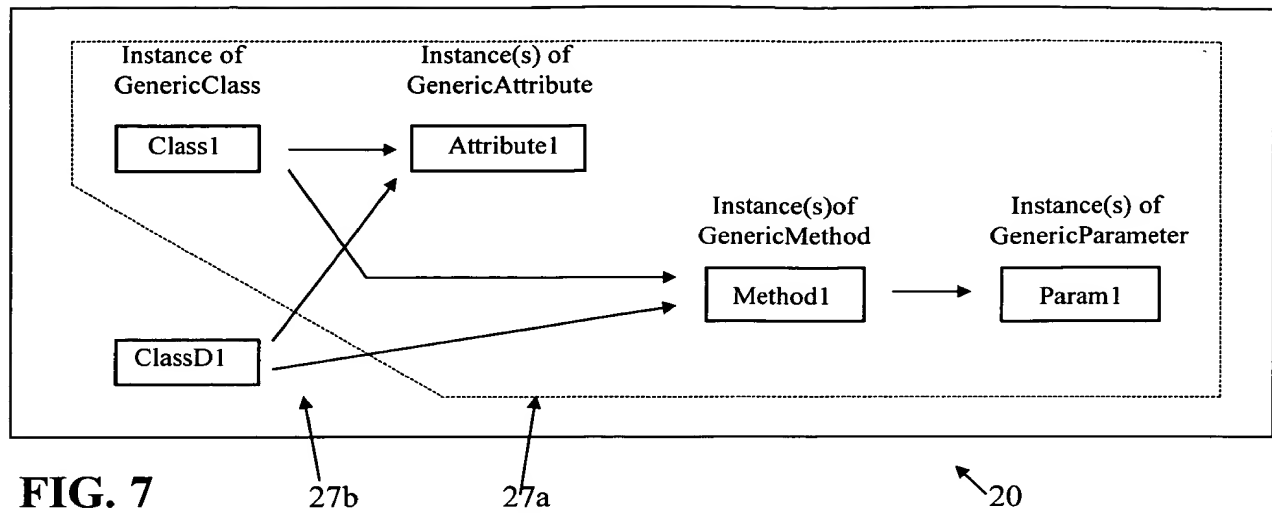
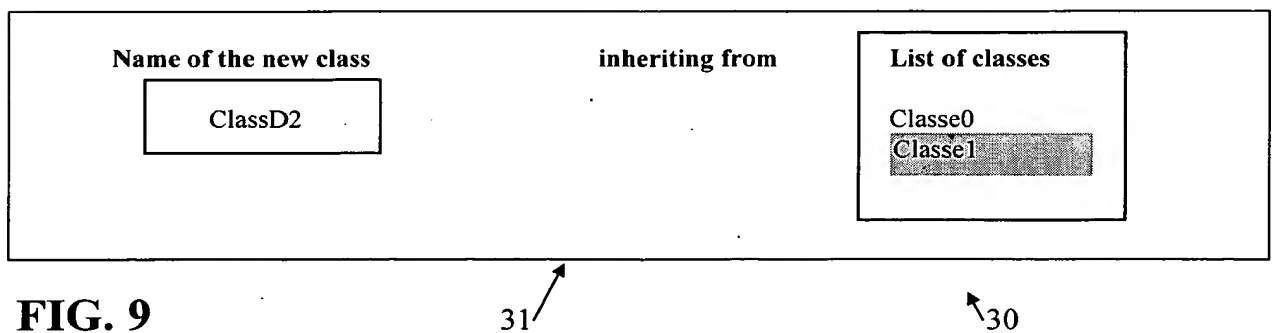


FIG. 8



Name of the class **Identification of the class**

Description of the class **Parent of the class**

Attributes de la class **Modify the attribute**

Methods of the class **Modify the method**

Class

FIG. 10

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List of all students having an age lower than , studying in and having taken out a loan of more than .

FIG. 11

18a

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At 10:30 on 02/05/1998 **Immediate execution** **After execution of the method of the object "Object6"** **"Method3"**

Print letters to :

List of all students having an age lower than , studying in and having taken out a loan of more than .

Type of letter : birthday invitation.

FIG. 12

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